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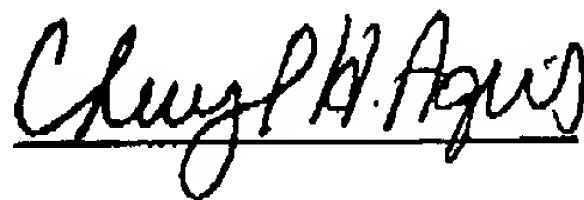
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**(IN RESPONSE TO THE JANUARY 23, 2006 OFFICE ACTION)**

Dear Sirs:

This is a response to the Office Action issued on January 23, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application.